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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1, 3-9 and 12-25 were pending in the Application. Applicants have amended claim 19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have canceled claims 1, 3-9, 12-18, 20-22 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 19, 23 and 24 will remain pending in the application.

2. Claim Rejections

Solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled all of the remaining rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 23-24 and have rewritten claim 19 into independent form as it was objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 19, 23 and 24 are allowable over the cited art.

4. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (203) 924-3180.

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5. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-419.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-419.

Respectfully submitted,



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